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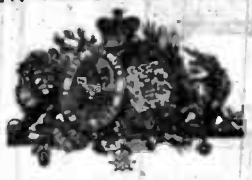


THE PATENT RAMONEUR* ASSOCIATION, FOR PROMOTING THE SWEEPING OF CHIMNEYS BY MACHINERY.—CENTRAL OFFICE, 34, FOLEY-PLACE, PORTLAND-PLACE.

In consequence of an Act passed August 7, 1840, intituled, "An Act for the Regulation of Chimney-sweepers and Chimneys," by which it is enacted, "That from and after the first of July, 1842, any person who shall compel or knowingly allow any child or young person, under the age of twenty-one years, to ascend or descend a chimney or enter a flue for the purpose of sweeping, cleansing, or coring the same, or for extinguishing a fire therein, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than ten pounds, or less than five pounds,"—all chimneys from henceforth must be cleaned and swept by machinery.

This Association of gentlemen has its origin in an earnest desire to promote a cause which has long perplexed the philanthropy of the warmest friends of humanity, and to give decided and practical effect to the provisions of the above-mentioned Act of Parliament.

In responding to the call of humanity, by the entire abolition of the unmanly and afflicting practice of cleansing chimneys by the direct agency of the living Infant Sweeper, the machinery of the Legislature has been employed to render a public benefit, by the abatement of an evil of great magnitude, and a frightful source of hurting misery. It only remains that the detail of subsidiary arrangements be carried out, in the way that may secure the most adapted to perfect the working of the Act, and accomplish the great changes, in accordance with the public sense of fitness and propriety.

This Association, therefore, brings before the country an effective means of obviating, for the future, the necessity or any approach to the evils of the old system. In accordance with the general feeling and opinion on the subject, and in strict and active furtherance of the law as it now stands.

The considerations which the Association desire to lay before the public arranged themselves under the following general heads:—

The well-known and acknowledged difficulty and danger of the old process, and the dangerous exposure and risk to property, in large masses, from the imperfect performance of chimney-sweeping.

The harsh and cruel treatment of the little sweeper, from a necessity (in a certain degree, perhaps unavoidable) from the nature of the old process, and the effects of prolonged exercise, as exercised by unenlightened masters.

The simplicity and perfect performance of the Association's new Machinery, coupled with its simplicity of construction, its great effective power, and its ease of management.

The great importance of its certain effect in the immediate extinction of accidentals fire in chimneys.

The great protection and security offered to the public through the perfect operation of the Machinery, and the consequent unbroken quietness of convenience in the domestic arrangements,—as all the chimneys of a house can be perfectly swept at one visit, in much less time than is now required, with a guaranteed security, for the due performance of the periodic duty undertaken, and against injury or loss from carelessness, mismanagement, or depredation.

The Association has also in view the very important objects of affording complete relief to the entire class of sweeping adults and children, by elevating them from their present degraded and confined condition to the rank of well-ordered, well-paid, and fairly-paid workmen.

The duty of each Master Sweeper will be to obtain orders for the cleansing of chimneys in his district, and, after the execution of the order, with the number of the workmen employed, will be entered in the books of the Association, at their principal office, 34, Foley-place; there affording satisfactory proof, in cases of fire, of the chimneys having been properly swept, whose the owner of the house may look for redress of legal remuneration; and preventing any disposition on the part of the labourer to commit petty offences, from the absolute certainty of immediate detection.

The PATENT RAMONEUR ASSOCIATION, to carry out these public objects, have appointed respectable persons as Agents in several districts, and all regular customers of known good character, provided with suitable credentials to convey on the operation; and from these a constant and more frequent appearance, when not absolutely employed at work, than is at present witnessed; and when, in lieu of the enemy and oppressive pertinacious beggars of chimney, still regular wages of sufficient amount to afford them the comforts and respectability of which the calling stripped deprived by the unsolicited bounty.

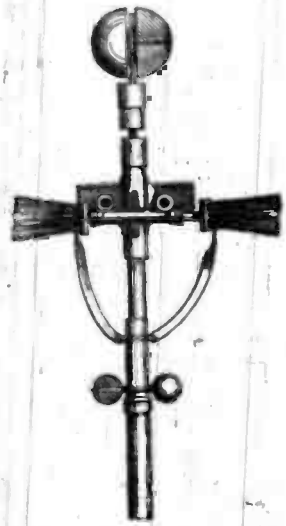
The Association beg to inform the Nobility, Gentry, and Public, that, under these arrangements, an application being made at the Central Office, a workman and machine will attend with the Master, and, if necessary, at the first visit the requirements will of themself be perfected to the operations. The usual rate charged for each chimney, under the old system of Machinery, will not be exceeded; and should it be deemed, houses may be contracted for by the year, on the same terms as householders; the extra charge being made for machinery, or for the greater convenience, cleanliness, and security of property, afforded by the arrangements of the Association.

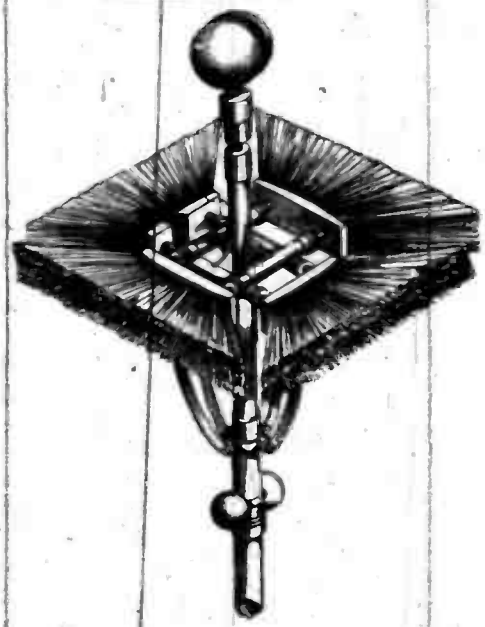
W. S. TROTTER, Secretary.

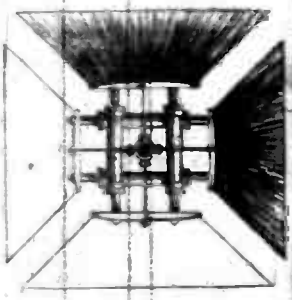
Superintendent Mr. W. Speller, 34, Berners-street West, Portland-place.

*** In connexion with this establishment, the Association has introduced a Patent Chimney-pot, which effectually cures the dangerous draught, and supersedes the use of "cowls," which cannot escape fracture by the Machinery employed in sweeping the chimneys.

* From the French verb "Ramoner," to sweep.







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